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FM AMEMBASSY CARACAS

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 4294

INFO AMEMBASSY KINGSTON

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C O N F I D E N T I A L CARACAS 9606

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TAGS: PFOR VE JA OVIP (MANLEY, MICHAEL)

REF: KINGSTON 3238, CARACAS 9238

1. A RANKING FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL CONFIRMED TO EMBOFF
AUG 6 INFORMATION SIMILAR TO THAT CONTAINED KINGSTON REF.
OFFICIALS SAID MANLEY'S VISIT TO CARACAS WAS FOR THREE PURPOSES:
A) JAMAICAN INTEREST IN ACCESS TO "OIL FUND" MONIES (HE MENTIONED
NO AMOUNTS); B) TO CONTINUE DISCUSSIONS ON JOINT VENTURE IN BAUXITE;
AND C) TO DISCUSS SMALL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROJECTS, UNSPECIFIED.
HE SAID MANLEY WILL RETURN TO CARACAS IN NEAR TERM FOR MORE TALKS.

2. OFFICIAL ALSO SAID THAT GOV IS CONCERNED ABOUT CUBAN TIES TO
KINGSTON AND THAT MANLEY IS PLAYING A RISKY GAME BY HIS FLIRTATION
WITH CUBA. AT THE SAME TIME, OFFICIAL ACKNOWLEDGED THAT IT WAS
NATURAL FOR JAMAICAN TO SEEK TIES WITHIN THE CARIBBEA, BUT
THAT HE WAS NOT SURE THAT MANLEY HAS FULL GRASP OF POLITICAL/
ECONOMIC PROBLEMS BESETTING HIS ISLAND.

3. COMMENT: IT SEEMS THAT GOV WILL CONTINUE TO OFFER TOKEN
ASSISTANCE TO JAMAICA, BUT DOES NOT QUITE TRUST MANLEY OR HIS
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